



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Cooking With Love a community outreach ministry of Metropolitan Community Church Key West was founded in February 1996, and proudly serves primarily elderly residents of Key West by providing nutritious meals, compassionate care, and meaningful community connection; and

**WHEREAS**, Cooking with Love personally delivers freshly prepared nutritious meals to those in need. Equally important is the human connection, sometimes the most impactful part of our service is simply the knock on the door, offering not only nourishment, but kindness, dignity, and reassurance that they have not been forgotten and that their community cares; and

**WHEREAS**, what began in 1996 as a small program serving 20 frail and isolated seniors in Key West has grown into a vital community service. In 2025 alone, Cooking with Love delivered 13,520 meals, continuing a legacy of care that spans three decades. Throughout its history, Cooking with Love Key West has delivered hundreds of thousands of meals to residents in need; and

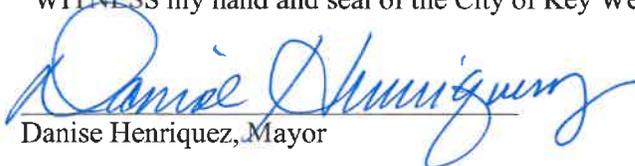
**WHEREAS**, Cooking with Love's mission has remained rooted in dignity, inclusion, and love. Values that reflect the heart and spirit of the Key West community.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Danise Henriquez, Mayor of the City of Key West, along with the entire Key West City Commission, do hereby proclaim February 2026, as

## COOKING WITH LOVE MONTH

in the "Southernmost City of the Continental United States," I would like to urge all citizens, residents, and visitors of our Southernmost City to participate fittingly in this observation.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 11<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026.

  
Danise Henriquez, Mayor

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Samuel Kaufman, Commissioner

